

# **ROANOKE VALLEY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES DECEMBER 17, 2012**

The Roanoke Valley Local Human Rights Committee met on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, located at 301 Elm Avenue, SW Roanoke, VA.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jay Fields – Chair  
Joseph Kinchloe – Vice Chair  
Martha Pillow – Secretary  
Joanne Baker  
Betty Crance  
Nancy Fields  
Robin Jordan

## **DBHDS-OHR STAFF**

Dwayne Lynch –Advocate

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT**

Betsy Walker

## **AFFILIATES REPRESENTED**

A Shining Light – Donnie DeGeorge's/Missy Campbell  
Bethany Hall – Marley Arrington  
Braley Thompson – Tamara Scheib  
Cee Breeze – Marc Buch  
CHIP – Denise Ellis  
DePaul Community Resources–Sondra Stephens  
Didlake - Mitzi Hartwell  
East Mental Health – Sara Ingram  
EHS – Katye Hale/Heather Hames-Moore  
Family Services of Roanoke Valley – Karen Pillis  
Lutheran Family Services –Tresha Lafon  
Mayo Residential – Trina Washington  
National Counseling Group –Sonia Herron  
New Hope Support Services – Mari Gentry  
Support Services LLC –Ashley Ross/ Barbara Gonzalez  
Va Baptist Children's Home dba HopeTree Family Services – Wayne Craig

1. Call to order/welcome  
Jay Fields, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. Introductions/Citizens Comments  
Members of the Committee and providers introduced themselves

## **ACTION AGENDA**

3. Approval of October 22, 2012 minutes  
Nancy Fields motioned the minutes be accepted as presented; JoAnn Baker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Approval of December 17, 2012 agenda  
Request to add Braley Thompson and EHS to the agenda.

Martha Pillow motioned that Braley Thompson and EHS be added to today's agenda; JoAnn Bakers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **INFORMATION AGENDA**

5. Advocate Report – Dwayne Lynch

Human Rights Advocate Dwayne Lynch introduced new committee member Betty Crance. Advocate went on to express appreciation for Ms. Crance willingness to join the committee who brings many years of experience as a professional and family member. The appointment was made by SHRC Dec. 7, 2012. The Advocate thanked committee members who were able to attend annual LHRC training at Catawba Hospital Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. The Office of Human Rights appreciated feedback from members and hopes to be able to hold two trainings for committee members in 2013. Advocate passed out LHRC binders made for committee members to assist in their duties to the LHRC. In addition, Dwayne Lynch also informed providers to expect more on site reviews in the community in 2013 to provide more oversight to the individuals we serve. It has been a great year and looking forward to 2013.

6. **Annual Reports**

**A Shining Light** (carry over from Oct/also present 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr report)

Donnie DeGeorge's attend the meeting on behalf of Dawn Laprad to present their annual report as well as their 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report. He answered questions from the Committee pertaining to the reports.

He also reported they will not be providing services at the Bonsack Address for which they had previously requested affiliation. They would like to conclude

affiliation for that address and submit a request if they decide to use the address again. A letter of conclusion will be submitted by the provider.

Nancy Fields moved to accept the conclusion of affiliation for the Bonsack address at this time; JoAnn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Support Services, LLC** – (carry over from Oct/also present 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr report)  
Ashley Ross presented the annual report and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report. She also reported their new address. It was also reported that the provider is no longer an LLC, they have incorporated.

7. **Quarterly Reports** (3<sup>rd</sup> qtr)  
East Mental Health (carry over from Oct)  
Sara Ingram presented the report.

Betty Crance moved to accept all reports that have been given; Joe Kinchloe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8. Affiliation changes/notifications/requests

**National Counseling Group, Inc** – Notification of address change for New River Valley Office – Notification included in the Committee packet.

**Brale Thompson** – Request to have their office in the Tazewell area be affiliated with RVLHRC even though new office is out of catchment. A letter of request was distributed to Committee members.

Martha Pillow moved to allow affiliation of the new office; Robin Jordan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**EHS** – Katye Hale reported EHS is now located at 1315 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, SW in Roanoke. She also reported that Heather Hamed-Moor has assumed duties at Area Director for the New River Valley office.

9. Other Business – None
10. Next Meeting – February 11, 2013
11. Adjourn